



FEEDLINE



BULLETIN OF THE CANTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Affiliated with the "American Radio Relay League"

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Randy Phelps	KD8JN	Robert Carswell	KF8MR
Dave Ost	WD8PTU	Craig Stucker	N8KNW
Chuck Henley	N8LIV	Dave Beltz	WD8AYE

The C A R C meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 19th at the EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CENTER.

CARC FOX HUNT

On Saturday May 11, our Fox Hunt Chairman John WX8G held the first hunt of 1991. The first hunt was scheduled for Sunday April 14 and Mother Nature decided that was on a weekend so it had to rain and it did. The hunt was cancelled and rescheduled for the following Sunday April 21. Again the hunt was called because of rain. So John decided to try on a Saturday to see what Mother Nature would bring us. Saturday May 11 was chosen to give enough time to get the new date out to the hunters.

Lo and behold, what a beautiful day she gave us. I guess the third time was the charm or she felt sorry for the way she was treating us and after all, we are a pretty good bunch.

Anyway, 2:30 PM rolled around with the following hunters ready to go, Chris KB8LPJ, on his first hunt with just his hand-held, Dick KC8OU, Julius KD8XD in Dick's car with two Handi-Finders, Bill WD8LFM and Ellie KD8NF also with a Handi-Finder and yours truly K8JZN with a Handi-Finder and the W9DUU finder that was in an article in 73 magazine. I used the Handi-Finder for the hunt and was lucky to come in

first. The fox's signal was so weak that I could not get a bearing from the parking lot at the EOC.

The main thing was we gained some experience and had a lot of fun doing it. We needed some more hunters but don't know where they were. Maybe next time. It sure takes practice to get to know your equipment and that is our problem at this time. Just not too sure what we are doing!!!

The next hunt is scheduled for Sunday July 7th at 2:30 PM in the parking lot of the EOC. Will be looking for you there.

CLUB STATION

One subject that has come up for the last several years, has been the lack of access of the CARC club radio station.

Since being asked to vacate Brunnerdale Seminary, due to the pending sale of the property, our club station was moved to the Emergency Preparedness Center. Being financed and run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Ohio State Disaster Services and Stark County Emergency Preparedness Center, gaining access in off hours was not possible. A committee was formed to find a suitable place for a club station that we could have 24 hour access to. Some spots were found but were never acted on because of various factors.

Then "911" came into being and was set up in the Emergency Preparedness Center. Because of the nature of the primary purpose of the Emergency Preparedness Center, and under the control of three government agencies, it is secured at all times. THANKS to Ed Cox, Emergency Preparedness Center Coordinator, a solution was devised. He had a buzzer installed in the 911 room, connected to the entrance door button. Ed has graciously agreed to set up a procedure where-by we will now have 24 HOUR ACCESS to our club station, set up at the EOC, by following the established procedure as follows.

According to our By-Laws, ALL SUSTAINING, FULL, LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERS have full club privileges, including the use of the club station. Sorry, but Associate Members do not have this privilege. UPON ARRIVING AT THE EOC, PRESS BUTTON LOCATED BY DOOR LEADING TO THE STAIRWAY. (PLEASE BE PATIENT AS AN OPERATOR MUST WALK A DISTANCE TO GET TO DOOR). THE 911 ROOM DOES NOT HAVE TWO-WAY INTERCOM AND DOOR RELEASE CAPABILITY THAT ED'S OFFICE HAS. DURING OFFICE HOURS, (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday), IT WILL BE EASIER TO GAIN ENTRY.

YOU MUST SHOW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD TO THE PERSON ANSWERING THE DOOR. (THEY HAVE A LIST BY NAME AND ONE BY CALL, OF ALL MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR CLUB STATION PRIVILEGES). NO CARD, YOU WILL NOT GET IN. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN ON THEIR LOG, THEN THEY WILL UNLOCK THE RADIO ROOM DOOR. WHEN READY TO LEAVE, MAKE SURE ALL RADIOS ARE TURNED OFF AND SEE 911 OPERATOR (OR ED COX OR SECRETARY DURING OFFICE HOURS), THEN YOU MUST SIGN OUT ON THEIR LOG AND THEY WILL LOCK UP THE RADIO ROOM. PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS PRIVILEGE AND FOLLOW PROCEDURE.

Members not familiar with the operation of the club radios, should be checked out by members that are familiar with the equipment (such as

Jerry K8AHF, Bob KF8MR, Scott N8JSK), for proper operating procedure. Be sure and learn how to use the built-in automatic antenna tuner in the TS-440. Even with the shut-down feature for high SWR, prolonged use with high SWR, could cause damage to transceiver.

AGAIN, OUR THANKS TO ED COX FOR ARRANGING THIS 24 HOUR ACCESS PRIVILEGE.

The following letter was received from Ed Schenck, Event Coordinator for the Stark County Bicycle Club.

STARK COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Dear Bill,

Thank you for the letter so quickly after our bicycle race. And please pass on our gratitude for a job well done to the other members of the radio club. As we all saw, your services were extremely important to the welfare of the bicycle racers who were competing.

None of us likes to see accidents in bicycle racing but they are fairly common. When you have more than twenty riders, all elbow to elbow, it takes a steady hand and a strong heart to stay in there tight. The final sprint is when I always hold my breath and cross my fingers. And as you witnessed, that is when the accident occurred. Happily both riders had been checked over and checked out by the time I got to the hospital. They were in the parking lot, eating a lunch that one of the mothers had prepared. Your club's quick action and that of the medics, had a lot to do with that.

The presence of your club gives us all peace of mind, not just at races but at all our Stark County events. We hope your organization and ours will continue to have such a fine relationship well into the future.

Sincerely Yours,

Ed Schenck
Event Coordinator

GOLD RUSH 1991

The 1991 GOLD RUSH was held on Sunday May 4th. The weather was warm and sunny, which provided ideal conditions for an event such as this.

This year, over 300 people participated in the 10 mile Walk-A-Thon sponsored by the Canton Jaycees. Revenue generated by this project, go to various charitable organizations and provides operating funds for the Jaycees.

Nine Hams volunteered their time and expertise in relaying the various bits of traffic that are essential to successfully coordinate events such as these. They were: Dan N8JBB, Charlie K8BYC, Sandy KB8FZX, Scott N8JSK, Kent KB8LNG, Wes NV8M, Dave WD8PTU and Julius

KD8XD. Also on stand-by was John K8LBZ.

All traffic was handled through the 147.12 W8AYE repeater, which performed flawlessly. My THANKS to Dave W8AYE and Terry N8ATZ for providing this service.

On behalf of the Gold Rush Committee, THANKS for helping make the 1991 Gold Rush a success!

Dan Hutcheson N8JBB

Communications Coordinator

VOLUNTEER EXAMS

Dick W8VUN and his crew, held Amateur exams on Saturday May 25th. A total of 29 showed up to take the exams with 23 successfully upgrading for a pass-rate of 79%.

We now have one new Extra Class Amateur, two Advanced Class, three General Class, fifteen Technicians and two Novices. This included three club members. Chris Smith KB8MLA up-graded from Novice to Tech, Karen Becker KB8MPA from Novice to Tech and Jim Wilson KB8GHZ from General to Advanced. The Magel family took top honors. All four family members showed up to take tests. They came in as Technicians. Tom WA3GOG up-graded to Extra Class, Kathy KA9KWL to Advanced, Jennifer to General and unfortunately Melissa will have to try again.

Dick's crew, besides himself, consisted of Paul NM8Q, Earl W8AIU and Gary WC8W taking care of the paper work, Julius KD8XD, Kay W8LNL and Judy N8AIM took care of the registration, John K8BNR instructed the proper filling out of the 610 forms and Art W8FEC and Mike W8MKH keeping an eye on proceedings in the testing room. Even with the wonderful teamwork, it took five hours to register, test and complete the paper work for the twenty nine taking the exams.

Next Stark County Volunteer Amateur Exam session, will be held at the EOC on Saturday August 31st, 9:00 AM.

MAY CARC MEETING MINUTES

The May 15, 1991 regular meeting of the Canton Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting President Jerry Shrigley K8AHF, at the Emergency Preparedness Center. A round of introductions followed with 55 members and 5 guests in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- There were no additions or corrections to the minutes as they appeared in the Feedline and they were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Larry Schmader K8RMY, reported a balance of \$7360.00 in the club treasury.

50TH ANNIVERSARY- Joe Vignos W1FEZ, reported that the questionnaires

that were circulated at the April meeting, were tallied and a decision was made to hold the celebration in conjunction with Field Day. The current plan is to have a family picnic and a pig roast at the Frank Dearman's farm.

FIELD DAY- Dave Ost WDBPTU, reported that the Field Day paper work was received from ARRL. Chuck Henley N8LIV, circulated sign up sheets for Field Day Operators. If you want to operate and missed the sign up sheet, contact Chuck.

GOLD RUSH- Dan Hutcheson N8JBB, reported that the 1991 Gold Rush went well. Dan asks that all operators that assisted in the Gold Rush, contact him with any problems they encountered.

CLUB STATION- Bill Parks K8JZN, informed the club that effective June 1st, 1991, the club will have 24 hour access to the club radio station. To gain access, you will need to show your current membership card. Everyone must sign in when entering. Remember to turn off all equipment and sign out before you leave.

LIONS CLUB JOURNEY FOR SIGHT- John Edel K8LBZ, wished to thank all the hams that turned out to help with this public service event. John was disappointed that only 5 bikers participated in the event.

HOUSE BILL 348- Jerry Shrigley K8BAHF, reported that House Bill 348 would limit "Communication Towers" to a maximum height of 35 feet. Additional information is available on the K8BZ Packet BBS.

TOWER PROJECT- Dave Beltz W8BAYE, reported he is planning a trip to A.E.S. to pick up the antennas and coax.

AIR SHOW- Phil Gizzi W5VVK, asked the club to supply communications and a public address system for the 1991 Air Show. This year, the Air Show will be on June 22 And 23, 1991. Phil also offered the club a sight at the Airport for our Field Day operations.

CLUB REPEATER- Frank Dearman W8TUY, reported that as of 9:00 PM May 14th, 1991, the W8AL repeater will be turned off, due to the transmitter interfering with other repeaters in the area. The repeater will be off until the interference problem can be solved.

Nelson Caley W8EAR, moved that the present repeater be sent back to the factory for repair. The motion failed.

Dave Beltz W8BAYE, moved to send the repeater issue to the Executive Committee for a decision. The motion passed.

Roger Gray W8AHK, moved that the secretary of the club inform the Ohio Repeater Council, in writing, of our decision to temporarily remove the repeater from service. The motion passed.

50/50 DRAWING- \$24.00 was won by June Snyder N8HRL.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM for coffee, donuts and eye-ball QSO's.

Respectfully Submitted By
Jerry Shrigley K8BAHF
CARC Secretary

DAVE KERSTEN NBAUH (ARRL Section Manager) urges all of us to send a letter to your local State Representative, informing them that House Bill 348, as written, is ILLEGAL in contrary to FCC's PRB-1 and would be a absolute hindrance to Amateur Radio communications. The following, is a suggested letter to send:

YOUR ADDRESS
DATE

YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME
Ohio General Assembly
State House
Columbus OH 43215

Dear REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME:

It has come to my attention that there is presently legislation before the Ohio General Assembly now called H.B. 348, "To impose restrictions regarding communications towers." I commend our legislators for their obvious concern for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Ohio, however, I also feel compelled to point to a serious error your colleagues are making.

The proposed bill as it reads will be a severe hindrance to Amateur Radio communications if passed in its present form. Let me inform you if you are not yet aware that this bill will be in direct violation of Federal law if not amended to exclude Amateur Radio installations. The Federal Law is the Federal Communication Commission PRB-1. This law prohibits any state, municipal or local government from enacting a law that would restrict Amateur Radio operators from erecting antenna or antenna towers. As proposed H.B. 348 violates our rights and the Federal Government preemptions of local restrictions on Amateur antenna.

With most Amateur Radio stations being in our homes in residential areas, this basically says we cannot have any antennas. This will eliminate hundreds of thousands of hours of free service given to all communities by the Amateur Radio operators each year. We are just slowing down from the daily flow of free messages passed through the Amateur Radio message system to the troops in Operation Desert Storm. Many of us have just completed refresher programs to be prepared to assist the National Weather Service with operation "Sky Warn" to assist with early detection and warning for severe weather during this summers tornado season. These Amateur Radio operators have spent hundreds of dollars of their hard earned money to be prepared with radios and antennas which will now become useless without antenna supports. That is quite a slap in the face to these operators.

I call on you to help defeat the passage of House Bill 348 and end this needless hindrance to the Amateur Radio community or amend it to specifically exclude Amateur Radio installations so it will comply with the FCC PRB-1.

Thank you for your time and attention.








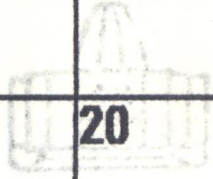




Sincerely,

YOUR NAME
Amateur Radio Station YOUR CALL



JULY 1991 CANTON ARC



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	1	2 ARES 7PM SDXA 8PM	3 CFARC QCWA NET 147.42 8:00 PM	4  TUSCO RC ALLN RC INDEPENDENCE DAY K8BNR BD	5 MARC 8PM	6
7 MUTUAL AID NET CARC FOXHUNT 2:30 PM AT EOC	8	9  ARES 7PM KC8OU BD	10 QCWA NET 147.42	11 ESC N&I 9PM GARC	12  N8IAK BD	13  W8BIU ANNI WC8W BD
14 MUTUAL AID NET	15  NOARS KD8UJ BD TRUSTEE'S MTG	16  ARES 7PM W8ADA BD K8AGB BD B&W RC	17  CARC 7:30PM CFARC K8OBW BD	18 ESC N&I 9PM TUSCO & SARA	19 	20 NOARSFEST WELLINGTON
21 MUTUAL AID NET KICKOFF PARADE	22	23 ARES 7PM	24 PORTAGE RC QCWA NET 147.42	25  ESC N&I 9PM W8MSE ANNI	26  K8LBZ ANNI	27 HOF PARADE GOODYEAR EXAM
28  MUTUAL AID NET W8FRB BD W8IKC BD N8AJU BD N8FED BD N8NFI BD	29  W8AKU ANNI	30 ARES 7PM	31 QCWA NET 147.42			